RECOVER REBUILD RESTORE



In the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) is here to help through the long recovery ahead; filling service gaps as other early response and recovery funding is beginning to be exhausted. With a goal of keeping families strong, preventing the potential negative impacts of the disaster on children and families, and providing swift support and intervention, DCF is expanding or creating additional services for the individuals we serve.

Homeless Youth Street Outreach

DCF is providing homeless youth street outreach programming to homeless youth to prevent and address human trafficking and homelessness through engagement and providing immediate access to treatment and support services.

Organizations providing services:

- Somerset Homes (serving Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex and Union counties)
- Covenant House (serving Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Monmouth, and Ocean Counties)

Contact information:

For more information about this program, please call the **DCF Information** Line at 1-855-463-6323.

Individuals who are, or believe they may know, a victim of human trafficking are encouraged to call:

- New Jersey Human Trafficking hotline number at 1-855-END-NJ-HT. The state hotline is staffed by Division of Criminal Justice detectives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) at 1-888-373-7888 or text BeFree (233733). NHTRC is a national, toll-free hotline available to answer calls and texts from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year.



As we know from previous natural disasters, a family's ability to cope is often stretched to its limit as they try to recover. The Department of Children and Families is making every effort to ensure that Sandy-impacted families have access to adequate social services. For more information or to gain expedient access:

1-855-INFO-DCF (1-855-463-6323)

(general information about DCF's programs and services)

DCF's Children's System of Care at 1-877-652-7624

(services for children and teens with emotional and behavioral health care challenges)

New Jersey Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-572-SAFE (7233)

(individuals needing immediate assistance and access to domestic violence services)

New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NJCASA) Hotline 1-800-601-7200